

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Board Teleconference Meeting  
March 15, 2001**

**Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors  
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300  
Sacramento, California  
Library**

**Board Members Present:** Vince DiTomaso (Vice-President), Gregg Brandow, David Chen, James Foley, Andrew Hopwood, Stephen Lazarian, Marilyn Lyon, Myrna Powell, Millicent Safran

**Board Members Absent:** Kathryn Hoffman (President) and Quang Vu

**Board Staff Present:** Cindi Christenson (Executive Officer), Nancy Eissler (Attorney General Liaison Analyst), Gary Duke (Legal Counsel), Cindy Morris-Hoppe (Executive Analyst), David Brown (Special Assistant to the Executive Officer), Janeece Sargis (Examination Analyst), Debbie Thompson (Budget Analyst)

**Public Present:** See Attached

**1. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Mr. Hopwood called in at 10:40 a.m. and Mr. Lazarian called in at 10:45 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

Mr. Hao of Caltrans asked the Board what their position is on Electronic Signatures.

Ms. Christenson informed Mr. Hao that Electronic Signatures are allowed and that there has been discussion on Electronic Signatures at previous Board Meetings.

Mr. Foley stated that Electronic Signatures is an item that is on the agenda for further discussion at future Board Meetings.

Mr. Robert of Caltrans, also inquired about Electronic Signatures and expressed some concern in regards to the Electronic Signatures.

Vice-President DiTomaso requested that after Caltrans has gotten a little further into the use of Electronic Signatures, the board would appreciate some input as to how Electronic Signatures are working.

Mr. C deBaca of CLSA introduced himself.

### **3. Closed Session**

The Board went into closed session at 10:45 a.m.

### **4. Open Session to Announce the Results of Closed Session**

Ms. Christenson reported that the Board adopted the proposed decision regarding Mr. Richard Ringler.

Ms. Christenson also reported that the Board discussed pending litigation as noticed.

Ms. Christenson reported that the Board approved for licensure those candidates who had previously passed the 8-hour October 2000 examination, but had not taken the Take-Home examination at that time, but have now met all requirements for licensure.

### **5.a Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2001 Board Meeting and the February 8, 2001 Teleconference Board Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Ms. Safran/Dr. Chen moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2001 Board Meeting as amended and to approve the February 8, 2001 Teleconference Board Meeting minutes.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

### **5.b Approval of Candidates for Certification/Licensure. (Based on Examination Results, Including Successful Appeals, Adopted in Closed Session)**

**MOTION:** Dr. Chen/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the candidates for licensure based on examination results approved in closed session.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

### **6. Approval of Delinquent Reinstatements.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Foley/Ms. Powell moved to approve the Delinquent Reinstatements as follows:

**Civil**

**1. Gil Lawton**

Reinstate applicant's civil license once he takes and passes the California Seismic Principles and Engineering Surveying Examinations, the Board's Laws and Rules Examination, and pays all required delinquent renewal fees.

**Mechanical**

**1. William G. Brown**

Reinstate applicant's mechanical license once he takes and passes the Board's Laws and Rules Examination and pays all required delinquent renewal fees.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**7. Comity and Temporary Authorization Applications.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hopwood/Dr. Chen moved to approve an extension of Mr. Samuel Love's temporary civil license for 180 days starting March 15, 2001.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Foley/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the following Chemical applicant for licensure by waiving the second division examination (NCEES Chemical Engineering examination) because the applicant has the appropriate experience, has taken and passed an 8-hour NCEES Professional examination, has taken and passed the take-home examination, and is licensed in an other state.

**1. Christopher Sherman**

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Foley/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the following Civil applicant to set for the Seismic Principles and Engineering Surveying Examinations and waive the second division examination (NCEES Civil Engineering examination) because the applicant has the appropriate experience, has taken and passed an 8-hour NCEES examination, and is registered in an other state. In order to obtain registration, the applicant must still take and pass the Seismic Principles, Engineering Surveying, and Take-Home Examinations.

**1. Jose Cardenas**

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Foley/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the following Electrical applicant for licensure by waiving the second division examination (NCEES Electrical Engineering examination) because the applicant has the appropriate experience, has taken and passed an 8-hour NCEES EIT examination, an 8-hour NCEES PE examination, is licensed in an other state, and has taken and passed the take-home examination.

**1. Daniel W Romero**

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Foley/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the following Mechanical applicants for licensure by waiving the second division examination (NCEES Mechanical Engineering examination) because the applicants have the appropriate experience, have taken and passed both an 8-hour NCEES EIT examination, an 8-hour NCEES PE examination, are licensed in other states, and have taken and passed the take-home examination.

**1. Robert J Ades**

**2. William J Keyworth**

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Foley/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the comity applicant's shown on page 35 of the agenda.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**8. 2000/2001 Legislation, including, but not limited to SB26 & SB136.**

Ms. Powell and Vice-President DiTomaso recommended at this time that we watch SB535, the bill regarding Insurance Fraud.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hopwood/Mr. Lazarian moved to support SB26, Title Act Study.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ms. Safran/Mr. Hopwood moved to support SB136, Sunset Extension.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ms. Safran/Mr. Hopwood moved to watch SB355, Construction Defects.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

Ms. Safran requested that Mr. Brown send her the language on SB924.

Ms. Powell requested that Mr. Brown send the language on SB332 to Mr. Ted Fairfield on her behalf.

Vice-President DiTomaso suggested that a watch be kept for any Energy Bills that come through that might affect the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

**9. Strategic Plan, Approval of Draft Goals and Objectives.**

**MOTION:** Dr. Chen/Ms. Safran moved to approve the Goals and Objectives as amended for inclusion in the document "Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 2001 Strategic Plan."

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken. 9-0, motion carried.

Ms. Christenson stated that once the "print ready" copy is finished, Dr. Brandow and President Hoffman will review it.

Ms. Christenson also stated that the "mock-up" copy should be ready for the April Board Meeting.

Mr. Foley suggested that the Board Seal be put on the cover of the Strategic Plan.

**10. President's Report**

There was no report given.

**11. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Christenson reported that there have been no changes in personnel.

Ms. Christenson also reported that we are continuing to watch and monitor the budget.

Ms. Christenson reported that the Spring Bulletin will be going out around May or June 2001.

**12. Other Items Not Requiring Board Action.**

- a. **Next Board Meeting: April 26 & 27, 2001, Radisson Harbor View Hotel, San Diego, California.**

**13. Adjourn**

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

## **PUBLIC PRESENT**

Steve Hao, Caltrans  
Don Roberts, Caltrans  
Carl C. deBaca, CLSA Liaison